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Important Updates for Nursing Home Administrators for COVID-19

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The United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), recently [announced](#) a large-scale procurement of United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-authorized rapid point-of-care diagnostic test instruments and tests to be distributed to nursing homes in COVID-19 hotspot geographic areas within the United States. FDA-authorized rapid point-of-care diagnostic test instruments and tests (Becton Dickinson (BD) and Quidel Corporation) will begin being distributed to nursing homes certified by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services with a Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment (CLIA) Certificate of Waiver within the United States in their continuing effort to protect vulnerable Americans. Nursing homes will be able to augment their current capacity for coronavirus testing, bolstering their response and helping to prevent the spread of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19.

To assist states in their continued outreach with nursing homes, HHS will host a webinar with BD and Quidel Corporation on September 3, 2020, from 12:00PM-1:00PM ET to walk through each manufacturer's training modules that are being utilized by the nursing homes. Each manufacturer will have a 30-minute time slot to present and answer any questions. Use the following link to register for the training: https://bcq.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ijlki-9JTMelY_Hzao7JCA.